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SUBJECT: VISAS VIPER FOR SEPTEMBER 2007 REPORTING PERIOD

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¶1. (U) Members of the Embassy Rabat and Consulate General Casablanca joint Visas Viper Committee met October 1st, 2007. The meeting was chaired by the DCM and was attended by representatives from CONS, RAO, DAO, POL, ECON, PAS, RSO. The Committee submits twenty-one (21) new names as follows

¶2. (SBU) The committee submits the name of the following Moroccan national who was arrested 12 September 2007 by Canadian authorities as a Global Islamic Media Front (GIMF) operative. He is a resident of Canada.

Namouh, Said
AKA Ashraf
Male
DPOB: 21 December 1972; Kenitra, Morocco
Passport Number: N426364

¶3. (SBU) The committee submits the names of the following two (2) persons who were reported in local media as having their sentences upheld by the appellate court of Sal. Both were charged under the anti-terrorism act and were accused of "conspiracy to prepare and carry out terrorist acts aimed to harm the public order," "activities in an unrecognized association," and "holding non-authorized public meetings" for involvement in the 16 May 2003 terrorist attacks that killed 45.

Skakri, Brahim
Male
DOB: 1977
POB: unknown
Sentenced to a three-year prison term.

Belkhatat, Khalid
AKA Abu Hanifa
Male
DOB: 1986
POB: unknown
Sentenced to a two-year prison term.

¶4. (SBU) The committee submits the names of the following seventeen (17) persons who have been reported in local media as being sentenced to between one and ten years in prison, while four other suspects were released. Those in the group, including two Moroccan-born Belgian nationals, were found guilty of committing terrorist acts, and were part of a cell that was dismantled in November with links to foreign terrorist organizations.

The court issued a ten-year term against the following three (3) defendants after they were found guilty of "forming a criminal gang to plan and commit terrorist acts as part of a collective plan aimed at seriously harming public order and collecting and procuring money with the purpose of using it for terrorist acts":

Reha, Mohamed
Male
Belgian citizen of Moroccan origin

Zemmouri, Mohamed
Male
Belgian citizen of Moroccan origin
Uncle of above-mentioned Reha, Mohamed

Azig, Khalid
Male

The court sentenced two (2) defendants to ten years in prison after being found guilty of charges of "forming a criminal gang to plan and commit terrorist acts as a part of a collective plan aimed at harming public order":

Alouan, Hassan
Male

Bencheekroun, Brahim
Male
former Guantanamo prisoner

The court sentenced six (6) defendants to a four-year sentence after being found guilty of charges of "forming a criminal gang to plan and commit terrorist acts as a part of a collective plan aimed at harming public order":

Boujemaa, Bouchta
Male

Benzouhair, Mohamed
Male

Mahdi Takhtaoui, Omar
Male

Alioua, Yassine
Male

Alilouch, Ahmed
Male

El Jabri, Anouar
Male

The court sentenced three (3) defendants to a three-year sentence:

Zajli, Abderrahim
Male

Boukir, Ahmed
Male

Al Otmani, Yasser
Male

The court sentenced two (2) defendants to a two-year sentence:

Mazouz, Mohamed
Male
former Guantanamo prisoner

Benlaakoul, Driss
Male

The following defendant was sentenced to a one-year sentence for being guilty of not informing authorities:

Chlieh, Abdelkadir
Male

15. (SBU) The committee submits the following name, reported in local media as being an Islamist terrorist suspect who will be extradited from Spain to Morocco. He is accused of being involved in a cell that recruits Islamists.

Zehraoui, Abdellatif
Male

16. (SBU) The Committee submits updates on eight (8) names originally reported in reftel.

17. (SBU) Per reftel paragraph #3, the following updates information regarding four (4) individuals arrested by Moroccan authorities in relation to the 13 August 2007 attempted suicide bombing against a tour bus in Meknes.

Bouhammad, Mohamed
AKA (and listed in reftel as): Bouhmada, Mohammed
DPOB: 29 June 1973; el-Kbab, Morocco
National Identity Card (CIN) number: V115125
Passport Number: G988681

Azougagh, Hassan
AKA (and listed in reftel as): Azougagh, Hassan
DPOB: 07 August 1973; Taouririt, Morocco
CIN number: AD64121

Milmi, Hamid
AKA (and listed in reftel as): Hamid, Nilmi
DPOB: 10 April 1977; Rich, Morocco
CIN number: UB28231
Passport Number: R861538

Zoubair, Rachid
AKA (and listed in reftel as): Zoubir, Bachir
DPOB: 13 August 1976; Tinejdad, Morocco
CIN number: UA31524
Passport Number: K128228

18. (SBU) Per reftel paragraph #6, the following updates information regarding the media report of four (4) Moroccan citizens arrested by the Moroccan border police (DGST) on 14 July 2007 in connection with a terrorist cell in Oujda near the Algerian border.

El-Ani, Aziz
AKA: Abou Jaber
Male, unmarried
DPOB: 1977; Douar Labhahda, Morocco
Occupation: tailor
Last known residence: Fes
Does not possess a passport

Attar, Amine
AKA: Abou al-Hayjae
Male, unmarried
DPOB: 27 April 1987; Berrechid, Morocco
Occupation: high school student
Last known residence: Nador
Does not possess a passport

Bouhrani, Youssef
AKA: Abou Zoubeir
Male, married
DOB: 01 January 1983
POB: unknown
Occupation: carpenter
Last known residence: Fes
Does not possess a passport

El-Boussadi
AKA: Abou Saad
Male, unmarried
DPOB: 20 September 1981; Kariat Ba Mohamed, Morocco
Occupation: tailor
Last known residence: Taonat
Passport Number: R275678

19. (U) Updates will be sent as details become available.

¶10. (U) The Mission's Visas Viper Coordinator is Pamela Hack. No additional Visas Viper telegrams were transmitted for September ¶2007.

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